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Re: Follow-up Report Spill #2025-007 – Release of 1,000 L of waste oil at the Meliadine Gold Project

On January 3rd, 2025, the Nunavut Spill Line was notified by Agnico Eagle personnel via email (spills@gov.nt.ca) of a spill of approximately 1,000 L of used oil outside of Dome 3 at the Meliadine Gold Project site (spill location coordinates: 63 1'46.79"N, 92 13'43.94"W). This follow-up report provides supplemental information based on the results of the incident assessment and is being provided in accordance with:

- Nunavut Water Board 2AM-MEL1631 Water Licence (the Licence), Part H, Item 8c.

Description of Incident

On January 3rd, 2025, at 09:15, a skid steer operator was moving a tote of used oil from a boom truck deck at Dome 3, Portal 1. During the process, the forks punctured the bottom of the tote, causing 1,000 L of used oil to spill onto the ground.

The spill occurred within the site's water management infrastructure, and as such, no waterbodies were impacted by the spill. The closest water body (H5) is approximately 620 meters northeast, as seen in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Location of the spill and proximity to waterbodies.

Response and Remediation

The worker promptly attempted to contain the spill using spill pads and contacted their Supervisor and the Environment Department. Both departments assisted in the cleanup efforts. The cleanup crew primarily used absorbent pads and booms to contain the spread of the oil to reduce the contaminated area. Some contaminated material was shoveled into drums, while the rest was collected by a loader and placed in the contaminated snow cell for treatment through the oil-water separator upon snowmelt, as per the Water Management Plan.

Root Cause and Corrective Measures

An assessment was conducted soon after the incident to determine the root cause and contributing factors. The assessment concluded with the following:






- No spotter was used while attempting to move the used oil tote.

The following corrective and preventative actions have been implemented to address the root cause and to reduce the likelihood of reoccurrence:

- A toolbox session on the importance of using a spotter when moving totes and drums was conducted during the Mine Construction Daily Meeting.
- Employee to retake telehandler training (includes the importance of using a spotter).
- A toolbox session with the Environment team on the importance of using a spotter is to be held during the Sunday Mine interdepartmental Health and Safety Meeting to be conducted on January 22nd.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.



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Appendix A – Photos



Photo 1: Used oil spill location at Dome 3, Portal 1.



Photo 2: Used oil spill location post remediation.